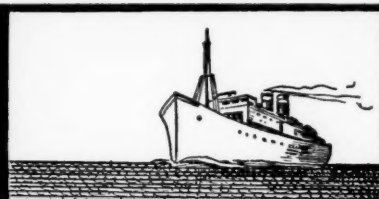


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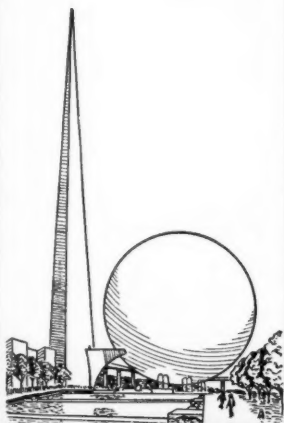
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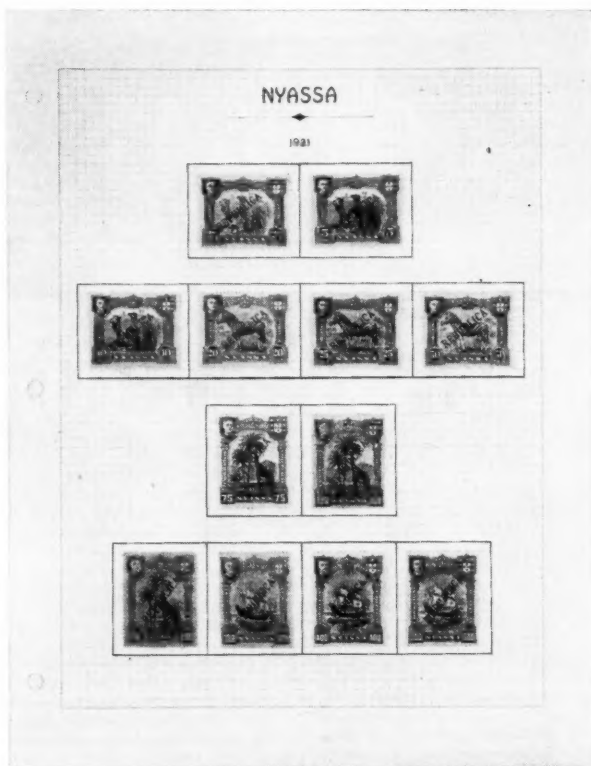
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Quebec Tercentenary Issue

BY ELVIN PERSON

THIS set of eight stamps was the first pictorial set ever issued by the Canadian government. This historical set covers a great number of years. The year 1908 was the Tercentary of the foundation of Quebec by the famed explorer Champlain, who in a small boat pushed up the river narrows of the St. Lawrence and there, on July 3, 1608, chose the site of a trading post. Such was the humble beginning of the historic city of Quebec. Save for the years 1629 to 1632, the fleur-de-lis was to wave on that rocky cliff for over a century and a half.

Quebec is the name of a large Canadian province, but also the name of a city in "Old France." Should the residents of that fine city take exception to the "Old France" quality, I should hasten to say that it is an important modern port and has ample accommodation for Transoceanic liners of today; it retains, however, that "Old France" quality in a modern setting.

The issue of 1908 shows no recent pictures of the Town, which is the capital of Quebec Province, the mecca of tourists who find delight in contacting the past, for the old charm of Quebec still lives. It is only a few minutes' ride to Ancienne Lorette, a few minutes' drive to Sainte Anne de Beaupre, that famous sanctuary, and the city proper offers many attractions. The Basse Ville (Lower Town) has changed very little in hundreds of years, and still retains much of its quaintness and originality.

In the 1/2c and 1c values of this pictorial set we have a set of really remarkable portraits of the Royal Family, all of whom except Queen Mother Mary have gone to another reign. On the 1/2c we have a very delicate black brown shade portraying the Princess and Prince of Wales of 1908. On the 2c carmine we have Queen Alexandria and King Edward VII.

On the 1c dark green the portraits of two men appear, who are famous in North American history. The personage on the right is Jacques Cartier, a pilot of St. Malo, a seaport on the coast of Brittany. In the spring of 1534 he set out in two little vessels with Asia as his ultimate goal. He landed at Gaspé Peninsula. In his records may be found, "whereat we were sore distressed" in the quaint French. Thus in the year 1534 he was the first Frenchman to set foot in the Province of Quebec.

On the left hand side of the 1c stamp may be found the portrait of another explorer, Samuel Champlain, the founder of the city of Quebec. Champlain being disgusted with Acadia, sailed in a small boat up the St. Lawrence on to where the river narrows, and there on July 3, 1608, chose the historic site of the city of Quebec.

The five and ten cent stamps show pictures of Quebec houses and panorama. The five cent stamp showing Champlain's home in Quebec was made after an old history book, and although many take this scene to be a citadel, it is unlikely that it is so. It is called the



first house in Quebec and was built by Champlain. The ten cent value contains an excellent view of Quebec in the early days, but it is greatly changed today, for while it is old and full of historic landmarks it is a thriving city.

The seven cent stamp shows Generals Montcalm and Wolfe, both of whom were killed on the Plains of Abraham just outside the city. The English, however, were the victors, and Quebec became a part of the British Empire. Monuments have been erected in Quebec for these two generals and may be seen in Quebec city today. They also refute the saying that these generals died in bed.

On the fifteen cent, red orange appears the historical scene of Champlain's departure for the west. This occurred in 1609, when he was on the war-path against the Iroquois. Champlain ascended the St. Lawrence, and turned south along the Richelieu, then known as the River of the Iroquois. Soon they reached the lake which bears his name, a lake of limpid waters and well-wooded shores which have rung so often with the war-cry and waters which have been often stained by the blood of men. Near the spot where Ticonderoga is now located they met a fleet of Iroquois. All night long a thousand savage throats yelled defiance; in the summer morning the battle commenced. The Iroquois

marched to the fray with a martial regularity, a disciplined silence that won the admiration of the soldierly Champlain. They were clad in wicker armour, which would turn an arrow. But when a figure in gleaming steel stepped forth from the ranks of the enemy; when from his leveled weapon there belched forth thunder and lightning, and their bravest chiefs lay dead on the ground; fear of the unknown God filled their savage hearts and they fled in panic through the woods. Such is the story behind this fifteen cent stamp.

On the twenty cent stamp we have "the arrival of Cartier in Quebec." On the ten cent as well as the twenty cent values you will note the rising cliffs that provided the fortress of Quebec much protection in her many battles and sieges.

However, in speaking of Cartier's arrival in Quebec, it would seem as far as dates are concerned that this scene is rather out of place in the Quebec Tercentenary issue because it was the year 1534 that Cartier first set foot on the Province of Quebec.

Taking, all in all, Canada had a very nice start in the issuing of her pictorial stamps. The issue is worthy of anyone's collection. The set has constantly gained in value. It is not difficult to obtain them unused but the two higher values are extremely scarce in used condition. Scott in 1910 valued them at \$1.49. The same catalog valued them at \$2.66 in 1922, and at \$6.47 in 1936, and look at them now!

Japanese Inscriptions Changed

On the approved designs for the balance of the new regular series Japan is producing, the name of the unit of currency "Yen" is spelled "En." The stamps, high value and low, will all be of the same size as those already released. Values to appear are the 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 20, 30 and 50 sen and 1, 5 and 10 yen. The sen values have only the figure of value in Latin characters and bear scenic views. The 1 (y)en shows a Buddha; the 5 (y)en the "Daibutsu of Kamakura," a portrait of a man in oriental dress; and the 10 (y)en has "ancient decorations" which appear to be a cherry tree somewhat stiff in design. The proofs were illustrated by KITTE SHUMI.

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Costa Rica Pays In Stamps

Under authority of a decree dated Nov. 3, 1938, the Costa Rican Philatelic Society was ordered given 10,000 colones (approximately 47,000 sets) worth of the stamps issued in 1937 to commemorate the National Exposition. This set will be remembered as the one picturing an orchid, tuna fish, cocoa pod, etc. Following is the translation of the decree as given by *Gibson's Stamp Monthly*.

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Queen Wilhelmina also asked Uncle Sam to be kind enough to let her land a Dutch East Indies air route using both Guam and Hawaii as stops. These requests all were, for the moment, declined. Then it was Uncle Sam's turn to ask a favor from John Bull: "Might the United States fly across Canada from Seattle to Alaska." The British Foreign Office, having received our polite decline to use Hawaii, declined to permit us to fly over Canada. Therefore, our ten trial flights for the Alaska Clipper Route have been flown over the open ocean. It will be remembered also, that the British Foreign Office and our State Department as well as our Interior Department indulged in another

diplomatic tussle when both John Bull and Uncle Sam claimed by right of discovery the islands of Canton and Enderbury, two South Sea Islands of importance as air-bases on the air clipper route to New Zealand. They ironed out these difficulties by accepting a joint jurisdiction of the two new islands and so when the United States to New Zealand flight takes place we will probably find one of these two new islands being a stop en route. So likewise with Kingman Reef on which we understand very elaborate hotels and government buildings are being erected. Now this agreement of Uncle Sam and John Bull's about the two islands was quite upset by our refusal to let John Bull have a base in Hawaii. There is news also in the fact that the first of the giant clippers to be built in Seattle which is destined to fly the Atlantic, is to receive service either on the United States to Hongkong Route—or as one report has it, this ship may be put in service to fly the United States to New Zealand postponed route. The United States to New Zealand flight was all set to go except that the Samoan Clipper on its return flight (not carrying mail) sank in the South Seas. This accident and the later mysterious disappearance of one of the Hawaiian Clipper ships have caused our government to insist upon much more extensive trial flying before the final route is approved. Likewise the creation of the Civil Aeronautics Commission has retarded speed, because this new agency has had to set up personnel and adopt rules of operation.

The probable first flights that will occur will be the United States to England and Paris clipper flight via the Northern route. This will probably be seconded by the United States to France clipper flight via the Southern route with stops at Bermuda, the Azores, and Portugal. It is not known just when this flight will occur but Pan-American officials have stated that they should be ready to go as early as March 15. Great Britain will no doubt fly the Northern route with stops at Ireland, Newfoundland, and Canada sometime between May 15 and June 1 although at any time they wish! Very likely the Alaska clipper flight will take off either before or shortly after the Atlantic flight by the Northern route and it should not be forgotten that the United States and New Zealand flight only awaits approval of the Civil Aeronautics Commission. It probably is being held up as yet due to the difficulties of the British Foreign Office, and our State Department, inasmuch as the British Foreign Office would like to iron out the stumbling block of not being able to land in Hawaii. England wishes to extend the New Zealand route to Australia and desires the flight to run to and from Canada.

—Fidelity's Washington News Letter.

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Banks Profit From Stamps

Reprinted herewith is an interesting account from the December *Burroughs Clearing House* which was submitted by E. E. Everett of Iowa. The item is headed "Profit In Used Stamps":

"In the past few years the Canadian banks have been gaining additional revenue from the sale of used postage stamps both to stamp dealers and philatelists, according to an article in the *Canadian Banker* by G. W. Smith of the Winnipeg branch of the Bank of Montreal. Because of the demand and scarcity of certain values of recent Canadian stamps, banks have placed in all large branches an officer in charge of the used stamps, whose duty it is to see that as complete a recovery as possible is made.

This development, possible with the heavy inter-branch bank mail, has in some cases returned a profit as high as one-tenth the annual branch postal bill. On some recent Canadian commemorative stamps there has been a recovery of almost 50 per cent. By using other little used low denomination stamps instead of common high value stamps, banks have been able to cash in on philatelic demand. Some of the banks print special attractive air mail and special delivery envelopes which are sold after use in overseas markets as collectors' items, at from 50 to 75 per cent of their face value. The present boom in stamps has made possible this lucrative source of revenue for the banks."

Salvador Commemorates Exposition

Salvador by a decree published on Jan. 13 authorized the issuance of a set of three airmail stamps to commemorate the Golden Gate International Exposition at San Francisco, Calif. 200,000 each will be issued, for an indefinite period of the denominations of 15, 30 and 40 centavos (face value about 35c U. S.).

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First Day Calendar

3c First Inaugural of Geo. Washington, April 30 at New York City.

3c New York World's Fair, April 30. City not determined.

3c 25th Anniversary of Panama Canal, August 15. City not determined.

AUCTION CALENDAR

Feb. 28—U. S., Foreign. L. Kusmierz, 6355 Willette, Detroit, Mich.

March 4—U. S. Uptown Stamp Co., 140 W. 42nd St., New York City.

March 6—U. S., Wholesale. M. Amiel, Box 1903, St. Petersburg, Fla.

March 10-11—U. S. Rumark Co., 116 Nassau St., New York City.

March 13-14—British Africa. Eugene Klein, 200 S. 13th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Vatican City

Death came on Feb. 10 to the ruler of the smallest stamp-issuing country in the world, Pope Pius XI, ruler of Vatican City the half a square mile of territory which includes the Vatican, seat of the Roman Catholic Church. Vatican City is one of the newest states in the world and a fairly recent addition to our albums. Its stamp issues are not



the first to have been issued under papal supervision. Still popular with collectors are the issues of the Papal States (or Roman States as generally termed) a large portion of Italy which remained under the direct temporal control of the Popes until 1870 when King Victor Emanuel II added the area to the new Kingdom of Italy. From January 1852 until the end of the popes' temporal power stamps were issued, the central design on all being the familiar symbols of the popes: the crossed keys of St. Peter and the triple tiara of the pope.

In 1929 the long breach between the popes and the Italian government was closed by the signing of the treaty referred to as the Lateran Treaty, by which the pope was recognized as sovereign ruler of the independent state created by the treaty on the west bank of the Tiber River at Rome. Even before the



treaty was ratified Commander Camillo Serafini, Director of the Numismatic Division of the Vatican Museum received orders from Pius XI to prepare designs for stamps and coins for the new state. The first issue was described as "provisional" but served for the first four years of the new postal service. Appropriately enough the lower seven values repeated the old design of crossed keys and tiara and like the old Roman States issues were printed on colored paper. The six high values pictured Pius XI. All bore the date of inauguration of the new state.

The Pope had however appeared previously on other stamps. In 1924, despite the dispute with the papal head, a set was issued by Italy to raise funds for Holy Year expenses and depicted the Pope opening and closing the Holy

Door at Saint Peter. In 1928, Spain issued two long sets of one design, picturing the Pope in the three-tiered papal crown and King Alfonso XIII. These stamps however, despite their religious associations, were severely criticised as they were issued only to raise funds to restore some catacombs at Rome and were on sale at two cities only from Dec. 23, 1928 to Jan. 6, 1929.

Subsequent issues of Vatican City also have depicted Pius XI, the Vatican Gardens, a wing of the Palace, basilica of St. Peter's, and in addition two commemorative sets appeared. These latter were for a Catholic Press Exhibition and a Juridical Conference. High values are included among the Vatican sets as Pilgrims and tourists from all over the world use the stamps to mail souvenirs home; many others buy sets of the stamps for souvenirs. Last reports were that the Vatican post office had on sale complete sets of all Vatican issues which accounts for the modest catalog value of all. Most curious of the issues are the Special Deliveries picturing an airplane view of the entire Vatican City state.

Canal Zone Agency List

The Canal Zone Postal Service at its Philatelic Agency at Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, had as of January 1 the following stamps on sale at their face value:

Overprinted on regular U. S. 30c Buffalo 1925-26 flat plate, 14c Indian rotary press.

Regular issue, definitive designs, 1928-37. 1c Gorgas, 2c Goethals, 3c Goethals, 5c steam shovel, 10c Hodges, 12c Gailard, 14c Sibert, 15c Smith, 20c Rousseau and 50c Blackburn. The 2c Goethals will not be reprinted as the design is unsatisfactory, plates already having been destroyed.

Airmail Stamps, definitive design, 1931. 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 40c and \$1.00.

Postage Due Stamps, definitive design, 1931. 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c.

Stamp Books. 25c book contains 12 2c Goethals; 49c book contains 24 2c Goethals and 37c book contains 12 3c Goethals.

Stamped Envelopes. 2c 1924 Seal of Zone design in size 9 only; 1c 1932 Gorgas in sizes 5 and 8; 2c 1932 Goethals in size 8; 3c 1934 Goethals in sizes 8 and 13. These are sold plus cost of envelopes and these figures may be obtained by consulting the price list at any continental U. S. post office.

Postal Cards. 1c U. S. Jefferson overprinted.

• Though it has issued 71 airmail stamps since 1935, Guatemala on Feb. 14 planned to place on sale 23 more.

• The new 1c Guatemalan air mail stamp for interior postage portrays the Cathedral of La Merced at Antigua, while the 1c for foreign air mail pictures the old Mayan altar now in Aurora Park at the capital.

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Editor's Notebook

CLEARER, PLEASE Recently we listened to a broadcast in which one of the persons being interviewed referred to the finding of the errors of the current 6c airmail stamp, drawing the radio audience's attention to the fact these were now worth some \$2500 per sheet of 50 6c stamps. The announcer upon inquiring why these stamps were so valuable was given the information (?) that this large increase in value was due to the stamps not being perforated at the top. Even a stamp collector, unfamiliar with the details of the find would have been puzzled by that answer. But what effect must this statement have had on the non-collectors listening in? If any of them later expressed the opinion stamp collectors were crazy, in this instance they were certainly justified as even a collector would agree that paying 150 times face value for a stamp lacking perforations at the top would warrant mental examination of the purchaser. Of course

he referred to sheets lacking horizontal perforations. Wouldn't it have been clearer to have stated so or to have just said the sheets were perforated only in one direction? The only conclusion is that the speaker just didn't know his subject. To say those stamps were valuable because they weren't perforated at the top is a new height in garbled information.

Too frequently those who get out in front as "fountains of philatelic knowledge" are actually just pumping stations, having little knowledge of their output. Newspapers are guilty of printing a lot of supposedly "philatelic" news ground out by some one of the staff unfamiliar with philately. Some of the mistakes are so ludicrous one wonders how anyone could in all seriousness attempt to pose as an oracle without acquiring a little first-hand knowledge of their subject. Fortunately this type of column has some notable exceptions.

These scrambled mis-statements do our hobby immeasurable harm. They make the hobby ridiculous in the eyes of the public for one thing. For another, as in the instance mentioned, everyone finding a coil stamp or a portion of a booklet pane will think they too have \$2500 items—because after all don't they too have perforations missing on one or more sides? And when they try to cash in they'll be so disillusioned they'll think ill of us forever.

—R. R.

Perfs and Imperfs

LATEST GADGET TO AID THOSE of us not gifted with sufficient imagination necessary to quickly identify difficult watermarks, is an electric watermark detector being offered in England. It has an electric bulb and a sort of "tuning in" knob and runs on a dry cell. Well, that sounds like a necessity in those pea-soup fogs.

YOU'D THINK (OR MAYBE YOU wouldn't) that the foremost specialist or at least most authoritative reporter on Iowa's precancels would hail from Iowa. But in the *Midwest Precancel News*, the Iowa columnist's home address is in England! It would be interesting to know how, from that great a distance, he became so interested in the Hawkeye State's precancellations. The Midwest incidentally puts out a rather fine precancel magazine and includes many luminaries of the precancel world among its contributors with Albert Jones and Allen Vestal of Indiana as editors.

ADD SCRAMBLED STATISTICS, the report by one scribe that in one year the U. S. had sold 635,000,000 of the Duck Stamps. Actually less than a million dollars worth of the Migratory Bird stamps were sold in the last fiscal year, leaving our erring statistician just \$634,000,000 off.

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To the Editor—

In the Jan. 28 issue of Linn's, a writer suggests that a baseball stamp be issued this year with New York City the first day of issue town. I agree that a baseball stamp should be issued but New York City is not the proper first day city. Inasmuch as the first baseball game was played at Cooperstown, N. Y., 100 years ago this year, it would be treason to have any other town for the official first day. I speak only as a stamp collector wanting it "done right by Abner Doubleday." Come on, fellows and gals, let's start the ball rollin' for a baseball stamp with first day of issue at Cooperstown, the proper place for the honors!

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Ireland's Constitution Issue

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- 25g. dull violet (Moraczewski)
- 25g. dull violet (President Moseicki)
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- A24— 30c. dark red-violet (Port St. Pierre)
- A24— 35c. deep green
- A24— 50c. carmine-rose
- A24— 55c. Prussian blue
- A24— 65c. brown
- A25— 80c. violet (Tortue Lighthouse)
- A25— 1fr. bright pink
- A25— 1.50fr. blue-green
- A25— 1.75fr. deep blue
- A26— 2fr. rose-violet (Soldiers' Bay at Langlade)

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON—Postage Due Stamps. Upright rectangular format, unwmkd., perf. 13:

- D4— 5c. gray-black (Codfish)
- D4— 10c. dark red-violet
- D4— 15c. slate-green
- D4— 20c. deep blue
- D4— 30c. rose-carmine
- D4— 50c. dark blue-green
- D4— 60c. dark blue
- D4— 1fr. henna brown
- D4— 2fr. gray brown
- D4— 3fr. dull violet

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

SOMALI COAST—New Pictorial Issue. All are upright rectangular, except the three high values, which are horizontal rectangular format. Unwmkd., perf. 12 x 12½, 12½:

- A24— 2c. dull red-violet (Mosque of Djibouti)
- " 3c. slate-green
- " 4c. dull red-brown
- " 5c. carmine
- " 10c. blue-gray
- " 15c. slate-black
- " 20c. henna brown
- A25— 25c. dark brown (Native Warriors)
- " 30c. dark blue
- " 35c. slate-green
- " 50c. red
- " 55c. dull red-violet
- " 65c. brown-orange
- A26— 80c. gray-black (Governor L. Lagarde)
- " 1fr. carmine
- " 1.50fr. dull green
- " 1.75fr. ultramarine
- " 2fr. henna brown
- " 3fr. dull red-violet
- A27— 5fr. brown & pale claret

(View of Djibouti)

- " 10fr. indigo & pale blue
- " 20fr. carmine-lake & gray

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

SOUTH WEST AFRICA — Voortrekker Issue. Stamps of Union of South Africa, overprinted in this Colony:

- ½d. plus ½d. green & blue (ploughing)
- 1d. " 1d. carmine & black (Crossing the Drakensberg)

- 1½d. " 1½d. slate & brown (Signing Dungaaw Relief Treaty)
- 3d. " 3d. ultramarine (Monument)

Above were sold at double face, that is the ½d. plus ½d. costs 2d. etc.

(R. Roberts)

SOMALI COAST — Postage Due Stamps. Type of 1915, unwmkd., perf. 12½ x 13:

- D1— 5c. light ultramarine
- " 10c. dark carmine
- " 15c. brown-black
- " 20c. violet
- " 30c. orange-yellow
- " 50c. brown
- " 60c. emerald-green
- " 1fr. indigo
- " 2fr. red
- " 3fr. dark brown

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

SPANISH MOROCCO — Special Delivery Stamp. Special Delivery stamp of Spain, 1933, overprinted in black diagonally upwards from left to right, "MARRUECOS," unwmkd., perf. 10:



SD7—20c. vermilion

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

TURKEY — New Value. Perf. 11½: A77 — 30p. bright violet (Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA — Re-drawn designs, with new perforations. Same as Scott's #95 and 96 etc., but with perforations 13½ x 14½:

- ½d. green & black
- 1d. carmine & gray

Postage Due Stamp. Same as Scott's #427, but colors changed:

- D2— 6d. green & red-orange

(Gibbons' Monthly Supplement)

VENEZUELA — Air Mail. Unwmkd., recess engraved, perf. 14:

- 20c. gray brown (Sucre Monument)
- 30c. purple (Carabobo Monument)
- 45c. steel blue (Carabobo Monument & bronzes)
- 50c. ultramarine (same as 20c.)
- 70c. carmine (same as 45c.)
- 90c. orange (same as 30c.)
- 1.35B. gray (same as 45c.)
- 1.40B. slate (same as 20c.)
- 2.25B. emerald (same as 30c.)

Also a new color of the old design:

- AP1 — 25c. brown

(R. Roberts)

Tiffin (O.) Club Formed

Professor K. B. Barnes was elected President of the newly formed Tiffin Stamp Club when a group of local collectors held their second meeting at the Ohio city's Y. M. C. A. recently. Commencing in March the club will meet on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month at the Y. Miss Mary Bell Park, 85 Coe St., Tiffin is the Secretary and states all visitors are welcome at club meetings.

• The Kalamazoo Stamp Club (Mich.) meets every Monday evening now at the Park-American Hotel in that city. They invite visitors and announce an annual exhibition and banquet will be held sometime in April.

• Laws in Iran prohibit the erection of signs, etc., in any other language than the Arabic script and new stamp issues are carrying out this edict to nationalize the language by having only the figures of value in Latin characters.

THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS

ALL MINT SETS

Orange River Colony	Rhodesia (Cont'd)
61- 68 (8) 2.15	21- 23 (3) 4.75
61- 69 (9) 4.35	26- 39 (14) 12.00
70- 72 (3) .80	48- 49 (7) 7.00
70- 73 (4) 3.00	58- 66 (9) 13.00
	72- 77 (6) 5.00
	78- 81 (4) 5.50
	78- 82 (5) 18.00
	85- 96 (14) 5.00
	89- 97 (15) 6.75
	89-100 (15) 20.00
	101-111 (11) 6.00
	101-112 (12) 7.50
	119-129 (12) 2.85
	119-130 (13) 3.75
	119-133 (16) 9.00
	119-134 (17) 12.25
	119-135 (18) 16.25
	119-136 (19) 28.00
Palestine	St. Helena
3- 10 (8) .75	42- 47 (6) 1.45
15- 20 (6) .35	50- 55 (6) 4.50
15- 23 (9) 1.60	70- 89 (11) 23.50
15- 24 (10) 2.40	90- 93 (4) 4.75
16- 25 (11) 4.00	90- 94 (5) 13.75
37- 43 (7) .45	96- 99 (4) 5.10
37- 44 (8) .95	
37- 45 (9) 1.75	St. Kitts-Nevis
48- 62 (15) 4.35	1- 10 (10) 7.50
63- 67 (5) .20	24- 35 (12) 9.00
63- 76 (14) 4.25	24- 36 (13) 21.50
D12-19 (8) .80	41- 43 (3) .40
Papua	41- 44 (4) 2.10
1- 7 (7) 8.25	50- 57 (8) 8.75
1- 8 (8) 42.50	50- 59 (10) 19.75
11- 17 (7) 19.50	50- 61 (12) 62.25
11- 18 (8) 23.00	64- 66 (3) .50
19- 26 (8) 4.95	69- 70 (2) .50
41- 48 (8) 2.85	
61- 70 (3) 2.10	Queensland
71- 76 (6) 1.75	112- 22 (11) 2.35
83- 85 (3) 4.75	130- 40 (11) 4.25
Q1-10 (10) 3.50	130- 41 (12) 6.25
Rhodesia	Rhodesia
1- 9 (10) 6.25	1- 9 (10) 6.25
1- 11 (12) 15.00	1- 11 (12) 15.00
1- 12 (13) 25.00	1- 12 (13) 25.00

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U. S. NOTES

William A. Roach was the designer of the 3c Golden Gate Exposition stamp to be issued Feb. 18. Charles A. Brooks engraved the picture and Edward M. Hall engraved the lettering. The initial printing of the stamp is 50,000,000.

At Pasadena, Calif., the postoffice is carrying out a campaign to acquaint patrons with the advantages of Special Delivery service, and as the first step, small green labels 1 inch high and 3 1/4 inches wide were affixed to certain incoming mail, the labels being printed in black as follows:

"This letter was received on Saturday too late for carrier delivery. May I suggest that you ask your correspondents to use special delivery stamps on air mail letters to arrive at Pasadena on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, thus insuring prompt delivery."

Since then a rubber stamp with approximately the same wording is being used, reader Joe Koschwanez of that city advises.

An unusual first day cover find was reported recently—a complete set of the 1901 Pan-American commemoratives on one cover and cancelled on the first day, May 1. Collectors occasionally find the earlier commems on business letters, most notable of such being the 2c Lincoln. It pays to know your first day dates!

"Indirect by Mail" is an anonymous article in January *Paper Progress*, which deals mainly with determining the genuineness of stamps by the paper they are printed on, and an illustrated story of the Hudson, O., local post stamps discovered not long ago and whose manner and extent of use remains unknown.

BATTER UP

Uncle Jim Farley has just announced a stamp in honor of the 100th anniversary of baseball. As usual we will have envelopes attractively printed in two colors of ink, with cachet designed by Erik Heyl. These envelopes will be ready in about a week. We also have envelopes ready for New York Worlds Fair, Inauguration, and Panama Canal.

FIRST DAY COVERS Plate

	Single Block	Block
N. Y. Worlds Fair	.12	.25 .35
Inauguration	.12	.25 .35
Canal Zone	.12	.25 .35
Baseball Comm.	.12	.25 .35

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The February, 1939, *Bureau Specialist* contains some figures compiled by H. M. Southgate from the annual report of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938. A total of 15,217,573,068 stamps were printed by the Bureau. Of these, 14,042,514,877 stamps were ordinary postage values in sheets and coils, precanceled and not precanceled. 108,460,850 airmails were printed including 427,600 of the 15c 1926 type "map" airmail stamp. Commemoratives accounted for 818,840,732 stamps, ranging from the 1936 Texas and Oregon stamps to the Delaware stamp. Specimens, presumably for Postal Union purposes (or at least collectors can hope so) were prepared to the number of 408 each of the 20c and 50c Trans-Pacific airmails, the four territorials—possessions and the Constitution, and 409 each of the first Northwest Territory and Virginia Dare. The Canal Zone Bureau of Posts was supplied with 5,340,360 ordinary stamps and 1,462,000 airmails. The Philippines were sent 48,133,180 stamps, all being overprint types except the two 1937 high values. 625,450 10c U. S. Postal Savings stamps were supplied the U. S. Post Office Dept., but these are for savings cards and should not be confused with the long since discontinued Postal Savings postage stamps.

The Bureau of Engraving & Printing will have on exhibit at the Golden Gate Exposition a power press, but whether it will be used to print stamps is not stated.

17 copies of the 3c 1918 Offset type IV with design printed on both sides exist. This we learn from the Mint Sheet Brokerage Bulletin Board which offered the largest piece now extant, a block of 12 having six stamps the error with plate number on both sides of piece as well. The history of the sheet is interesting. Bought at the Orange, N. J., post office, it was later sold to a Mr. Platt, whose home was blown away in the 1928 Florida hurricane. The day after the disaster, the wet trunk in which the sheet had been kept was found but the storm had no effect on the sheet other than to remove the gum. The error was caused by the sheet being folded over in printing

and receiving a second impression somehow on the folded portion. This is Scott's No. 529g.

The original portrait of Commodore John Barry, from which the likeness on the 1c Navy stamp was obtained, was sold at auction by the American Art Assn.—Anderson Galleries the latter part of January. The painting was done from life in 1801 by Gilbert Stuart, noted portrait painter of the period.

Someone recently turned up with a set of the 1904 Louisiana Purchase issue in full sheets "perfectly centered, mint, unhandled" and offered them through the Mint Sheet Brokerage Bulletin. And some of us think this laying aside of full sheets was a recent idea!

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New Books Received

The KenMore Price List of Stamps of the British Commonwealth of Nations, by the KenMore Stamp Co., Inc., Kenmore, N. Y. 288 pages 5x7½ inches, bound in colored paper cover, given free with each subscription to the firm's house organ, *The KenMore Collector*, 25c per year. This, the second edition of the KenMore Price List has reached the proportions of a catalog of British Colonials. There are over 200 more pages in this edition than in the first one and the page size has been increased. This time all stamps are listed separately and priced both unused and used, the prices being the firm's net price "run of mine mint o.g. and for average used copies in good condition." In addition to usual listings by watermarks and colors, Australia and Rhodesia have been listed highly specialized, reflecting the intense interest in the issues of those two places. The list, to prevent future overlapping of numbers has placed prefix letters before the numbers of other than ordinary postage stamps, all numbers of airmails start with an "A," all numbers of Officials with an "O," etc. This is a step the general catalog publishers have been contemplating for some time to avoid the frequent necessity for renumbering some countries special issues. In illustrations all the new George VI issues are included, as well as every one of the hundreds of surcharges and overprints used since the first of these.

Of most interest to those who will use it, are the prices in the book. The firm can supply nine-tenths of all British Colonials unused and better than two-thirds in used condition, consequently feeling competent with such a vast stock to print prices in accordance with the market. The company is the world's largest buyer of British Colonials and was the principal wholesale customer for new issues of them, purchasing these direct from the Colonial Agents or the Colonies themselves. Instead of as in the previous price list offering all used Colonials at a blanket discount off Scott's prices, these are all priced, except in very recent issues where supplies are as yet not available.

A handy reference list in the front of the book lists the 96 units at present issuing stamps as well as the 51 units no longer issuing stamps. Included are those countries over which Great Britain acted as sponsor to the government, but which were never British possessions, more nearly being undeclared protectorates: Hejaz, Nepal, Transjordan and Egypt.

Another handy checklist is a list of topical stamps for convenience of collectors of these: Animals, Locomotives and Trains, Ships, Birds, Maps, Bridges, Water Falls and Aeroplanes. Another two pages lists all the commemorative stamps of the British Empire, with the reason for their issuance.

All in all, the book should prove a welcome addition to the library of any British Empire collector, its size alone making it convenient to use in comparison with other catalogs and publica-

tions on these issues. The book was printed by Linprint and represents the largest such production to roll off our presses.

The Postal Stationery of Siam, 1883-1935, by Henry S. Linnemann. 36 pages, 7x10", paper bound, published by the *American Philatelist*, 8118 Dante Ave., Chicago, \$1.00. This handbook, another of a series of philatelic publications, is reprinted from a serial which appeared in the *American Philatelist*, in line with the policy being tried out by the American Philatelic Society. Almost all types are illustrated by fine copper halftones and the progressive story of the issues is told. A check-list with dates of issue, engraver and printer, quantity issued and any other pertinent information is included. Collectors of postal stationery will find this publication the most reliable published for many years, supplementing and correcting earlier publications on Siamese postal stationery.

Christ on the Stamps, by Harry M. Savacool. A small 16 page booklet telling the story of origin of design of five such issues. For collectors of Religious Issues, Mr. Savacool is considering issuing a series of similar booklets. Price 10c of the author-publisher who may be addressed at Trucksville, Pa.

Postal Markings of the United States 1847-1851, Postal Markings Handbook No. 1, edited by Mannel Hahn and published by William R. Stewart, 9 S. Clinton St., Chicago, Ill. 42 pages, 6x9 inches, price \$1.00. This is to be the first of a series of handbooks dealing with postal markings. Appropriately enough it takes in the markings used in the period of use of the first series of U. S. stamps, the 1847. Tables give the years and the quantities supplied of these stamps to each individual post office. Postal rates and laws are quoted, and all types of cancellations and postmarks are illustrated. A listing of railroad, way and steamboat markings is also detailed to the full extent of the known specimens. The book is a summary of statistics published before in scattered philatelic publications.

The Stamp Collectors' Guide To Paper Used For Postage Stamps, by Andrew Huska, 32 pages 4x6 inches, paper bound, price \$1.50 postpaid of the author, 2803 Jackson St., Philadelphia, Pa. This little booklet describes the making of paper, the origin of the many kinds used in printing stamps and illustrates a specimen of each type of paper, usually with an actual stamp issued on that kind of paper. It is intended as a guide to the collector in distinguishing stamps of the same design, issued at different times on different papers; also to distinguish issued stamps from proofs. The stamps and other specimens of papers are hinged to permit easy examination. A useful addition to the philatelic library.

FOREIGN — 19TH CENTURY

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Brazil 10 and 40 blue (\$5.25)	1.60
Brazil 9 numerals, used (\$3.80)	2.50
Brazil Head sets, 1866-1900, 50 stamps, List (\$19.00) for	3.30
Bechuanaland 1892 set of 5 mint (\$3.15)	1.10
Rhodesia 1898-99 2 mint sets of 8s (\$5.90)	2.00
Bulgaria 1882-96, 30 stamps, mostly mint, over (\$16.00)	3.60
Bulgaria Dues, (\$30.00) list, for	7.50
Cape of Good Hope #1, fine used	4.00
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Danish West Indies #2 mint (\$5.00)	1.60
Danish West Indies #3 one perf off	1.60
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Netherlands 20 stamps to #39, mostly used, (\$18.00)	3.60
New Brunswick 3, 6 1sh reprints, very scarce set	17.00
Nova Scotia 3p blue, fine used	3.60
Nova Scotia 1c to 12c mint (\$7.70)	2.90
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FIRST COIL

The first Presidential Bureau Coil noted by this column will be the 1c of New York, N. Y. Used on Hoover Bros'. 140th Auction list. Other Buros noted are the 6c sheet stamp from New York and the 11c from Chicago.

DATED CONCARNE

One of the most unique pieces noted so far in this overprinting business is a block of four of the 8c 1927 issue precancelled Salem, O., initialed and dated neatly in pen and ink. Don't think it was collector made either. Mr. Gordon Fisher of Columbus, O., tells me of an item he has that has the overprinting SPE AUG. 38 and right under it SPE SEP 38. Evidently the stamp was overprinted ahead of time and was not used till September. I was under the impression that in cases like this where stamps were overprinted ahead they could be used ten days into the next month. The above was on a 17c Chicago bureau. Walter Reid of Charleston, Ill., tells me he has a Chicago item with the overprinting centered right between Chicago and ILL. Am informed that the RD seen on 5c Rochester coils means Ritter Dental.

THIS AND THAT

Ashland is a rather common name in precanceldom. Ohio is the most seen no doubt, but you will find one in Penna., Kentucky, Wisconsin and Oregon. A gent in Calif. wrote a letter posting it by regular mail. He intended to enclose some precancels but didn't discover that he left them out till the next day. He sent them airmail and I received them a day before I received the regular letter.—Did you ever come upon a strip of coil stamps and note the line out on the one end or other and not between any two stamps as it should have been? Feel like swearing didn't you? So did I.—Maybe I did.—Presidential. 4½c Toledo, O., U-1. Good old U-1, how much longer? Massillon, O., 4½c in U-121; 4½c Joliet, Ill., in U-122; 2c Union City, Ind., U-121; 10c

Ann Arbor, Mich., U-121; 1c Ashland, O., U-12; 6c Jersey City, U-15. DOUBLE LINE fans please NOTE: 1c Madison, Wis., U-14; 1c Charlottesville, Va., tall electro; 1c Baldwin, N. Y., U-120. Some more DOUBLE LINES: 1c Orlando, Fla., U-14 both normal and inverted; Eustis, Fla., 1½c U-122. An old issue item. 1c Fruitland Park, Fla., U-121N.—No Bureau catalog as yet—Adios.

P. P. P. To Convene At Tulsa

The Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx will hold a convention at Tulsa, Okla., from May 17 to 21 in connection with the World Wide Convention of Philatelists planned at that time in the Oklahoma city. Headquarters of the old timers will be the Wells Hotel, near the site of the exhibition. Plans are being made to have every collector in Oklahoma over 50 years of age enlist. 17 stamp societies have already announced their intention to convene during the Convention.

● There was only one bidder, Eastern Airlines, Inc., at \$3.86 a mile, for the autogiro airmail service between Camden airport and the roof of the Philadelphia postoffice. —Hartford Courant.

● A cover from the Canary Islands, submitted by C. Lee Wolf, President of the Rubber City Stamp Club, bears in addition to regular cancellation, a two line marking "CENSURA MILITAR—LAS PALMAS" which ties some brown gummed paper used by the censor to re-seal the cover. A small boxed cachet bears the rebel slogans "VIVA ESPANA! —VIVA FRANCO!"

● Interior airmail service in Portuguese East Africa was extended on Oct. 11, 1938 to include 1,223 miles of route extending from the capital of Mozambique, (Lourenco Marques) to Porto Amelia on the coast to the north.

Calendar Of Annual Events

Akron, O.—Hobby Show, stamps by Zeppelin Stamp Club, Feb. 20 to March 6 at Good-year Hall.

Atlantic City, N. J.—ATEX exhibition under auspices of Atlantic City Stamp Club, March 24-25-26 at Colton Manor Hotel.

Beaver Falls, Pa.—Annual meeting, exhibition, etc., of the Beaver County Philatelic Society at the General Brodhead Hotel, April 15-16.

Binghamton, N. Y.—Regional meeting Mar. 17 of stamp clubs in vicinity, at Carlton Hotel, sponsored by Binghamton Philatelic Society. Max B. Johl, U. S. authority, as speaker.

Binghamton, N. Y.—Sixth annual exhibition and banquet of the Binghamton Philatelic Society at Carlton Hotel, April 22.

Boston, Mass.—Regional get-together of Universal Ship Cancellation Society sponsored by Chapter No. 1 at Hotel Lenox, Boston, Mass., Mar. 18-19.

Cleveland, Ohio—Annual Party of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club on March 10-11-12 at Hotel Hollenden.

Corning, N. Y.—Fourth annual exhibition and banquet of the Crystal City Stamp Club, April 15 at the Baron Steuben Hotel.

Detroit, Mich.—Silver Jubilee Exhibition, Banquet and Bourse of the Michigan Stamp Club, Mar. 24-25-26 at Book-Cadillac Hotel.

Lewistown, Pa.—Hobby Show sponsored by the Mifflin County Philatelic Society at the Y. M. C. A., March 23-24-25.

New York City—Second Eastern Precancel Roundup, sponsored by the New York Precancel Stamp Club and others at the Cornish Arms Hotel, March 10-11-12.

New York City—Second Intercollegiate Philatelic Exhibition sponsored by Filatelikus, at Columbia University, March 15-18.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Annual exhibition of Phil. Society of Philadelphia at Musical Fund Hall, March 8 to 14.

Reading, Pa.—Fourth Annual Exhibition of the Admiral Byrd Stamp and Coin Club in the museum of the Historical Society of Berks county, March 19 to 26.

St. Petersburg, Fla.—9th Annual Winter Phil. Exhibition by the St. Petersburg Stamp Club, Feb. 27 to March 3 at Federal Galleries.

Club To Be Formed

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AUSTRALASIAN NOTES

R. PORTER

AUSTRALIA.

Preliminary announcements from official quarters put the date of the inauguration of the Trans-Tasman Sea air mail and passenger service at October of this year. The Imperial Airways Flying boats which are in use on the England-Australia route will also be employed on this service, and a journey which takes approximately 3½ days to complete by mail steamer will be reduced to a mere ten hours flying.

The inauguration of this service is going to raise the prices of the covers carried by Ulm and Kingsford-Smith in their respective planes the "Faith of Australia" and the "Southern Cross" respectively. Some of the flights in 1933 and 1934 were of an official character and covers of these flights are still obtainable at prices averaging at approximately \$1.00. The covers carried on the unofficial flights are quite scarce and priced already too high to be obtained for the collector with average means. Quotations for these unofficial covers range from \$50.00 to \$150.00 each.

The 3d. airmail which became obsolete last year is not likely to be replaced with another airmail stamp and the extra charge on airmail matter is being prepaid with ordinary stamps.

The 6d. airmail (sepia) has now been obsolete for some time and the 1-6 stamp which is NOT an airmail stamp but considered generally as one, is also likely to shortly die a natural death for it does not fill any special need now that

the airmail fee to England has been reduced from 1-6 to 5d.

And so it becomes apparent that airmail stamps of the Commonwealth will now become a thing of the past and contrary to most predictions of airmail stamps replacing ordinary stamps in the near future, quite the opposite is happening and ordinary stamps are being used on mail matter. The air services are likely to become the "ordinary" means of transport. That this is more likely to take place is also proved by the action of the New Zealand Department.

NEW ZEALAND.

As far back as November of last year I predicted in these notes that the N. Z. airmail stamps were to be withdrawn shortly and all mails sent by air prepaid by ordinary stamps.

This has now proved to be a fact, for the Postal Department announced that the 1d. airmail stamp was withdrawn from sale on Dec. 31, 1938 and the 3d. and 6d. stamps were not to be reprinted but sold as long as present supplies last. Thus closes one of New Zealand's shortest catalogue sections, for only a total of 8 airmail stamps have been issued and none of them are scarce.

NEW GUINEA.

The well known overprinted airmail set is to be withdrawn this month and a new specially designed airmail set introduced in its place. The beautiful £2 and £5 airmail stamps are to remain on sale. These two stamps are available below face value in used condition, for numbers of these are used commercially on packets of gold which are sent from the gold fields by air, no other means of transport being available. I hope to be in a position to give full details of the new airmail set next month.

Postmarked in 9061

J. G. Hughes, Secretary of the Gloucester City (N. J.) Stamp Club, submits a card "to end all articles on pre-dated covers, etc." and there is little room for doubt that the item, a postal card with year date of "9061" in the postmark does this. The card has a 1c 1902 cancelled with hand cancellation of Gloucester City, N. J., with date of Dec. 31 but having the year date slug of 1906 inverted. Since the figures are sans-serif condensed Gothic type, these four look exactly the same upside down as they do when right side up, the 9 looking like a 6 and the 6 looking like a nine.

Mr. Hughes also submits two cards from Chanute, Kans., with machine cancellation of 1907 which was somewhat defective in that the 7 does not show at all, making the year date read "190." So, Mr. Hughes has effectively ended all reports of odd error dates in both directions.

● Iran, the *Souvenir Issue* reports, contemplates overprinting the remaining quantity of unsold Shah's Birthday souvenir sheets for use as airmail stamps.

BROADWAY CHATTER

B Y B I S T A N D E R

This week I attended a few auction sales and was very much surprised with the results of these sales. At Hugh Barr's sale, Early United States stamps sold at surprisingly high prices. These prices were determined by the condition of the stamps. Very fine to superb stamps brought nearly full catalogue, in some cases over catalogue. Later U. S. brought, according to Mr. Barr, satisfactory prices. Foreign airmails sold in every instance at over half catalogue. Every lot was hotly contested. The wholesale lots were well sought after. During the three days the sale was on, Barr's room was crowded, especially the last day on which the wholesale lots were sold. I doubt if two per cent of the wholesale lots went to mail bidders. Around the corner Paul Bluss had a two day sale. His room held a capacity

crowd. On the first day the foreign stamps brought very high prices. In some case selling at 75% of catalogue. Jubilees brought very nice prices. Miniature sheets went very well. On the second day when U. S. and whole-sale lots came up Paul again had a full house. Prices realized were satisfactory. Every lot was well contested.

A few days ago I was present in a dealer's office when he sold another dealer a block of the 10 schilling Dollfuss for \$65.00. What surprised me, wasn't the price but the fact that such a block was in New York. A single copy sells for \$20.00 retail and there aren't many of these around. As someone else said to me, "It pays to get murdered."

Since the death of the Pope, New York dealers are frantically trying to complete their stocks of Vatican Stamps. It seems that the demand for these stamps caught the dealers unprepared. Frederick Loessers, Gimbel's and R. H. Macy were almost completely sold out on Vatican stamps. Wholesale prices haven't as today advanced very much to make a difference in the retail prices, but if the demand persists there will be an increase in prices.

The Rumark Company, 116 Nassau Street will have a very fine auction on March 10 and 11th. There will be a large number of wholesale lots offered on the second day of the sale. I was talking to Herb Reuben the proprietor of the above company and we were trying to estimate how much room he will need to take care of the expected throng. Herb's office is too small to have the sale there, as the crowds that have been attending auctions have been very large. Who says that there are no buyers of stamps?

Uptown Stamp Company is having a very nice sale on March 4th. This sale features many imperforate lots. The high-light is a matched set of 4 plate blox of 6 of No. 315 the 5c imperforate Lincoln 19c which catalogues over \$1,000.00. Plate Blox of this stamp are scarce enough but to have a matched plate set! Another interesting and scarce item being offered is No. 343-347, the 1c to 5c 1908 imperforates in centerlines and the 4 matched arrow blocks. This lot catalogues at about \$500.00. In addition there are the usual nice nineteenth century U. S. Stamps that are always a feature of an Uptown sale.

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(637) on flown cover75
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Greece—Air Mail (758-64) mint/used98
Hungary—St. Stephens (511-24) used39
Admiral Horthy (525-7) used93
Russia—Sport set 559-68 used 4.50
Saar—Semi-Postal 416-22 Mint 4.50
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Upper Silesia—201-31 Compl. used with this set you receive a written guarantee. Cat. over \$90.00 22.50

UNITED STATES

All U. S. stamps are nice mint copies. The following stamps are 4c each or any seven for 26c. x—Block available.

681—Ohio Canal 727—xNewburgh
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690—xPulaski 737—xMothers Rot.
702—xRed Cross 738—Mothers Flat
716—xLake Placid 739—Wisconsin
717—xArbor Day 742—xSc Park
724—xPenn 752—xNewburgh
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688—Braddock 743—xSc Park
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645—xValley Forge 680—xFallen Timbers
646—xMolly Pitcher 689—xVon Steuben
649—2c Aero 719—5c Olympic
651—Clark 733—Byrd
655—xEdison Rotary 744—5c Park
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